

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

- 1 1. (currently amended) A method for extending capability of a telephone
- 2 comprising steps of:
- 3 enabling a telephone to store call-related data in memory
- 4 located within said telephone;
- 5 enabling a computer to alternatively store said call-related data
- 6 in memory located within said computer;
- 7 receiving first call-related data at said telephone;
- 8 recognizing that said first call-related data is to be stored in
- 9 memory;
- 10 determining, within said telephone, whether said first call-related
- 11 data will be stored in said telephone memory or said computer memory;
- 12 storing said first call-related data in said telephone memory or
- 13 said computer memory based upon said determination;
- 14 enabling a first processor located within said telephone to
- 15 process data received at said telephone;
- 16 enabling a second processor located within said computer to
- 17 process data received at said telephone;
- 18 recognizing that said first call-related data received at said
- 19 telephone is to be processed in order to provide a particular telephone
- 20 function for continued handling of at least one current call; and
- 21 determining, within said telephone, whether said first call-related
- 22 data will be processed during said at least one current call by said first
- 23 processor or said second processor, including at least partially basing said
- 24 determining upon whether said telephone has the processing capability to
- 25 provide said particular telephone function, said telephone thereby controlling
- 26 said first call-related data with respect to which of two structurally separate
- 27 components will perform processing thereon, said step of determining
- 28 whether said first call-related data will be processed by said first processor
- 29 or said second processor being unrelated to said step of storing said first
- 30 call-related data;

31 wherein said telephone is enabled to perform telephone
32 functions independently of said computer, but is reliant upon cooperation with
33 said computer in performing said particular telephone function.

1 2. (previously presented) The method of claim 1 further including a step of
2 establishing a direct data connection between said telephone and said
3 computer, said telephone and said computer being structurally separate
4 components.

1 3. (original) The method of claim 2 wherein said telephone and said
2 computer are located within a common workspace, said step of establishing
3 said direct data connection being independent of providing connectivity for
4 receiving said first call-related data.

1 4. (cancelled)

1 5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said step of determining includes
2 steps of:
3 monitoring storage availability within said telephone memory;
4 comparing said monitored storage availability to a storage
5 threshold that is related to said telephone memory; and
6 storing said first call-related data in said computer memory when
7 said storage threshold related to said telephone memory is exceeded.

1 6. (original) The method of claim 5 further including a step of retrieving
2 call-related data from said computer to said telephone in response to signals
3 from said telephone.

1 7. (cancelled)

1 8. (original) The method of claim 1 further including a step of utilizing a
2 processor of said computer to process at least a portion of said first call-
3 related data in response to instructions from said telephone.

1 9. (original) The method of claim 1 further including a step of establishing a
2 data connection between said telephone and said computer by connecting
3 said telephone separately to a telephone network and to said computer.

1 10-16. (cancelled)

1 17. (currently amended) A method of extending the capability of a telephone
2 comprising the steps of:
3 enabling a first processor resident in a telephone to process
4 data received at said telephone;
5 enabling a second processor resident in a computer to process
6 data received at said telephone;
7 establishing a direct data connection between said telephone
8 and said computer, wherein said telephone and said computer are structurally
9 separate components located within a common workspace and wherein said
10 telephone is configured to perform telephone functions independently of said
11 computer;
12 receiving call-related data at said telephone;
13 recognizing that said call-related data requires further process-
14 ing and that both said first processor and said second processor are currently
15 available to execute said further processing;
16 determining, using automated processing capabilities of said
17 telephone, whether said call-related data will be processed in said first
18 processor or said second processor, including basing said determination
19 upon automated processing performed by said telephone and upon current
20 capabilities of said telephone and said computer other than storage
21 capabilities; and
22 processing said call-related data in either said telephone or
23 said computer based upon said determination made using said automated
24 processing capabilities.

1 18. (cancelled)

1 19. (currently amended) The method of claim 17 further including steps of:
2 enabling said telephone to store data received at said telephone
3 in memory located within said telephone;
4 enabling said computer to store data received at said telephone
5 in memory located within said computer;
6 recognizing that said received call-related data is to be stored in
7 memory;
8 determining, within said telephone, whether said call-related
9 data will be stored in said telephone memory or said computer memory, said
10 step of determining whether said call-related data will be stored in said
11 telephone memory or said computer memory being unrelated to said step
12 of determining whether said call-related data will be processed in said first
13 processor or said second processor; and
14 storing said call-related data in said telephone memory or said
15 computer memory based upon said determination.

1 20. (original) The method of claim 19 wherein said steps of determining are
2 performed by an application programming interface residing within said
3 telephone.

1 21. (previously presented) The method of claim 17 wherein said steps of
2 receiving, recognizing, determining and processing all occur during a single
3 telephone call in which said call-related data is received.